

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Hash Ending F4744

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1000578.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 18 May 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image is a line drawing of a boy performing a sexual act on another boy. It is a visual representation of sexual exploitation. Its purpose is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. Publications such as these encourage viewers to see children as sexually desirable. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of vulnerable young children.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.